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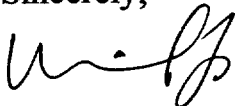
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Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Socorro, New Mexico.

Sincerely,



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In the matter of:)
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Amendment of Section 73.202 (b))
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Table of Allotments)
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FM Broadcast Stations)
)
(Socorro, New Mexico)

RM-_____

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 271C2 (102.1 Mhz) to Socorro, New Mexico as its second local FM allotment.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 271C2 (102.1 Mhz) to Socorro, New Mexico and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an additional FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 271C2 to Socorro will have.

DISCUSSION

2. Socorro is located in Central New Mexico. It is also located within Socorro County, a county of some 14,764 persons. Socorro has a population of 8,159 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 271C2 to Socorro will provide the second local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Socorro is located at Bosque, New Mexico. Bosque is located 58 kilometers from Socorro. KMXQ is licensed to Socorro and operates on channel 225A (92.9 Mhz) with 6 KW ERP at minus 177 feet HAAT. The allotment of channel 271C2 would provide Socorro with its first "wide area" allotment.

4. Socorro would greatly benefit from the additional FM allotment due to the fact there is no other AM or FM broadcast facilities within 58 Kilometers of Socorro, except KMXQ(FM). Because of this, it would have an additional outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Socorro area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.

5. Channel 271C2 can be allotted to Socorro and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Socorro, New Mexico	-----	271C2

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 271C2 and the pertinent adjacent channels to 271C2 have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 34 - 03' - 42", W. 106 - 53' - 48") are that of a site located within the community of Socorro. No site restriction will be required to allot channel 271C2 to Socorro. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Socorro. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Socorro would benefit from the allotment of channel 271C2. It has also been shown that channel 271C2 can be allotted to Socorro and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 271C2 for Socorro, New Mexico , 73.202.

8. Should channel 271C2 be allotted to Socorro, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Socorro, New Mexico.

CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: March 4, 1999

Respectfully submitted,



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MAPFM search of channel 271C2 (102.1 MHz), at N. 34 3 42, W. 106 53 48.

Searching Channel 271C2 (102.1 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
K217BD	Ruidoso	NM	217	D	L	126.5	0.0	125.2°	126.5
NEW	Ruidoso	NM	217	C1	A	126.5	27.0	125.2°	99.5
KFLQ	Albuquerque	NM	218	C	L	134.2	35.0	17.7°	99.2
ALC	Gallup	NM	268	C1	U	236.9	79.0	316.3°	157.9
ALC	Ruidoso	NM	268	A	V	138.6	55.0	125.6°	83.6
KBFF	Gallup	NM	268	C1	C	236.9	79.0	316.3°	157.9
NEW	Ruidoso	NM	268	A	A	142.0	55.0	126.0°	87.0
NEW	Ruidoso	NM	268	A	A	136.1	55.0	123.4°	81.1
NEW	Ruidoso	NM	268	A	A	126.5	55.0	125.2°	71.5
NEW	Ruidoso	NM	268	A	A	126.5	55.0	125.2°	71.5
NEW	Ruidoso	NM	268	A	A	127.7	55.0	124.8°	72.7
NEW	Ruidoso	NM	268	A	A	126.5	55.0	125.2°	71.5
ALC	Rio Rancho	NM	269	A	U	131.4	55.0	17.3°	76.4
KZKL	Rio Rancho	NM	269	A	L	131.4	55.0	17.3°	76.4
KZKL	Rio Rancho	NM	269	A	L	130.8	55.0	17.2°	75.8
ALC	Taos	NM	270	C1	U	267.5	158.0	25.0°	109.5
KTAO	Taos	NM	270	C1	C	267.5	158.0	25.0°	109.5
ALC	Clifton	AZ	271	C1	U	259.7	224.0	239.9°	35.7
KWRQ	Clifton	AZ	271	C1	L	260.4	224.0	240.1°	36.4
ALC	Farmington	NM	271	C	U	318.5	249.0	343.5°	69.5
KTRA	Farmington	NM	271	C	L	318.5	249.0	343.5°	69.5
ALC	El Paso	TX	271	C	U	254.6	249.0	171.2°	5.6
KPRR	El Paso	TX	271	C	L	254.6	249.0	171.2°	5.6
ALC	Los Lunas	NM	273	C	U	134.0	105.0	17.8°	29.0
KIOT	Los Lunas	NM	273	C2	C	112.1	58.0	5.5°	54.1
KIOT	Los Lunas	NM	273	C	C	134.3	105.0	17.7°	29.3

FIGURE 1
SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO
MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING